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(*b*) whether he has been admitted in the hospital, and if so, how long he has been in the hospital;

(*c*) whether the medical authorities of the jail had recommended that his further detention in the jail is dangerous to his health and that he should therefore be released; and

(*d*) whether the jail authorities have made any such recommendation to the Government, and if so, whether the Government have taken any action in the matter?

A.—(*a*) The prisoner has been suffering from chronic Myelitis since April 1929

(*b*) The Medical Officer, District Jail Hospital, Cuddalore, has reported that the convict is an in-patient in that hospital; There is no information as to how long he has been there.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Medical and Jail authorities have recommended the release of the convict on medical grounds under rule 514 (1) of the Jail Manual. The question of the convict's release is under the consideration of Government.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know when the Government received the recommendation of the Jail authorities to release the prisoner?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Recently. I am not in a position to mention the exact date."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—"I find from the answer to clause (*a*) that the prisoner has been suffering from chronic Myelitis since April 1929. It is nearly two years. Is it only very recently that the Government have received a recommendation from the jail authorities for the release of the convict?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"There was a recommendation received some time last year, and the Government then made enquiries and found that the prisoner had only two relatives neither of whom was willing to take care of him after release. So the Government, in his own interests, could not send him out of the Jail at that time."

Political Prisoners

Number and class of political prisoners.

* 648 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of political prisoners sentenced up to date with particulars of the classes they have been placed under?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 286 on the 29th January 1931. The Government have no detailed information for the period subsequent to October 1930.

Arms Act

Cancellation of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 649 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a considerable number of gun licences held by persons in the villages of South Kanara have been cancelled this time; and

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(b) what the number of licences cancelled is and the reasons for such cancellation?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" Sir, as the matter is a very serious one since nearly 500 gun licences have been cancelled, may I know why the Government have not called for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Before I make up my mind to call for the information, I should like to know for what period the information is needed. The question is not clear."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know whether any gun licences were cancelled this year?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Cancellation of the gun licence granted to Mr. Chattukutti Nayar.

* 650 *Q.*—BASHEER AHMED SAYEED SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the gun licence granted to Chattukutti Nayar, son in-law of the Raja of Nilambur, was cancelled and the gun confiscated suddenly;

(b) if so, who was responsible for such cancellation of the licence and what was the reason or justification for the same; and what was the purpose for which the licence was originally granted; and

(c) whether a list of all the persons whose gun licences have been cancelled in Tellicherry together with the reasons therefor will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think we should call for the information, because Mr. Chattukutti Nayar has got the right of appeal. It is better that he exercises that right first"

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I know whether he has appealed?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" He has not appealed so far as I know."

Depressed Classes

Proposed acquisition of lands for the extension of the Ekambaranallur cheri.

* 651 *Q.*—Mr V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that valuable wet lands measuring about 1·47 acres are sought to be acquired for the extension of the cheri site in Ekambaranallur of Wallajah taluk;